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| In re Application of: |) |
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| VERKAART |)) Art Unit: 3763) Examiner: HAYES, M.)) |
| Serial No.: 09/857,142 | |
| Filed: June 1, 2001 | |
| For: APPARATUS FOR HOLDING AND OPERATING ONE OR MORE SYRINGES | |

RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Hon. Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

SIR:

In response to the office action of June 29, 2004, please amend the above identified application as follows:

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